

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at
6:00 P.M.**

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Richard Cambra

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli, Absent

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

POSTED – May 25, 2012

Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4., 42-46-5 and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following

items of business:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

- 1. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Estimated Budget for Fire/DPW Facility Project - Bond Referendum.**

- 2. Memorandum of Finance Director, thru Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Bond Act and Memorializing Resolution – Fire/ DPW Facility Project.**

- 3. Resolution of the Council, re: Memorializing Resolution – Fire/DPW Facility Project.**

- 4. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Estimated Budget for Second Beach Pavilion Construction – Bond Referendum.**

5. Memorandum of Finance Director, thru Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Bond Act and Memorializing Resolution – Beach Pavilion Project.

6. Resolution of the Council, re: Memorializing Resolution – Beach Pavilion Project.

7. Final Review of FY 2012–2013 Proposed Budgets – General Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse and Recycling Fund and matters related thereto

8. Discussion and Approval of Council Summer Meeting Schedule:

July 2nd or July 16th

August 6th or August 20th

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President

Middletown Town Council

cc:

Town Council

School Department

Town Administrator

Senior Center

Town Solicitor

Police Dept.

Finance Director

Fire Dept.

Public Library

Public Works

Tax Assessor

Building Inspector

Town Planner

IT Director

Parks/Recreation

Town Engineer

Human Resource Director

School Department

Recycling Coordinator

Substance Abuse Coordinator

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

- 1. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Estimated Budget for Fire/DPW Facility Project - Bond Referendum.**

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the memorandum, entered here:

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.

Richard S. Lawrence, AIA, President, The Lawrence Associates, Architects/Planners, P.C., presented a Schematic Design Package for Fire/DPW Facility Project, which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted the need for adequate facilities for men and women at the Fire Department, placement of the Town Engineer into a Town building and DPW necessity for staff offices.

Fire Chief Ronald Doire noted visits to other recently built/renovated facilities. Mr. Doire explained that the plan for the facility includes reusing current space and eliminates the need to respond from the rear of the facility.

Councillor Cambra noted the need for renovations to the Fire Department.

Richard S. Lawrence, AIA, President, Lawrence Associates, Architects/Planners, P.C., explained that if the bond is approved by voters, the renovations would begin within a year and completed within two and half years.

Richard Barker, 25 Willow Avenue, inquired if there is would be enough room to work on fire hoses.

Fire Chief Ronald Doire, responding to Mr. Barker, explained that there would be enough room to work on fire hoses.

John Bagwill, 587 Tuckerman Avenue, requested background concerning the PPV Special Revenue Fund.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Mr. Bagwill, explained that a contract was negotiated with the Navy Housing property, which the Council has restricted the funding from the contract for public safety projects. There are monies for the project from the PPV Special Revenue Fund.

Council President Weber suggested a special meeting be held for the residents to explain the project and funding.

Vice President Long noted the need for the special meeting to be televised.

2. Memorandum of Finance Director, thru Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Bond Act and Memorializing Resolution – Fire/ DPW Facility Project.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.

3. Resolution of the Council, re: Memorializing Resolution – Fire/DPW Facility Project.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass said resolution.

4. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Estimated Budget for Second Beach Pavilion Construction – Bond Referendum.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the memorandum, entered here:

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.

Councillor Viveiros asked what the effect on the tax rate would be if the bond is approved and who the new building would affect parking.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Councillor Viveiros, explained that the tax rate would be increased by .23 or 1.49% on the tax rate. The foot print of the facility would be the same along with the parking.

Councillor Cambra explained that he was shocked that the project would be 6 million dollars and noted the Second Beach Pavilion Project is in the CIP for 2016.

Anne Burns, 171 Tuckerman Avenue, noted her support to have voters consider the Beach Pavilion question, but noted concern that the research data may not be accurate. Ms. Burns explained that if

there is a good plan for the facility voters will support.

John Bagwill, 587 Tuckerman Avenue, addressed the Council inquiring about construction figures and design for the facility.

Theresa Spengler, 1111 Wapping Road, noted the need for improvements at the beach, but explained that it is not a good decision to place this bond question on the ballot. Mrs. Spengler noted the importance of the Fire/DPW facility bond.

Rian Wilkinson, 41 Prospect Avenue, Chairman of the Beach Commission, explained that 6 million is a lot of money, there are not a lot of options to add on to the facility. The expense is due to the cement and steel base for the facility. Mr. Wilkinson noted his support for the voters to decide.

Discussion centered around FEMA requirements, the original proposal for the project in the 2016 CIP, deadline for the questions to

be sent to the Secretary of State, total cost of the project and the need for more information for the facility.

Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin noted the criteria used for the proposed beach facility is the same used throughout the state.

Councillor VonVillas noted she does not support the bond, however; people in the Town should be able to express their opinion by voting.

Councillor Cambra noted the outstanding bonds, the project is in the CIP in 2016 and that the taxpayers are looking to the Council for guidance.

Council President Weber expressed concern that the voters would not have enough information for the project. Mr. Weber noted that he does not endorse the project, but thinks the voters should decide.

Vice President Long noted that the voters should decide.

5. Memorandum of Finance Director, thru Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Bond Act and Memorializing Resolution – Beach Pavilion Project.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.

6. Resolution of the Council, re: Memorializing Resolution – Beach Pavilion Project.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted to pass said resolution; Councillor Cambra voted NO to said motion.

7. Final Review of FY 2012–2013 Proposed Budgets – General Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse and Recycling Fund and matters related thereto

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin the Final Review of FY 2012–2013 Proposed Budgets – General Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse and Recycling Fund.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the following:

Mr. Brown noted that the tax rate would be reduced to 2.22%.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger noted concern of using funding which may not be received.

Councillor Viveiros noted his support for Mr. Brown's suggestion.

Council President Weber noted that if the School Department does not meet their budget there will be a remedy.

8. Discussion and Approval of Council Summer Meeting Schedule:

July 2nd or July 16th

August 6th or August 20th

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the July 2, 2012 and August 6, 2012 dates as the Summer Council Meeting schedule.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 8:45 pm.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC
Council Clerk

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